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1. SUMMARY: DURING HIS FEBRUARY 11-13 STATE VISIT TO AUSTRIA, MIXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA SOUGHT SUPPORT FOR HIS CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF NATIONS, EXPRESSED HOPE FOR RESTRUCTURING OF OAS THAT WOULD INCLUDE CANADA AND CUBA, CALLED FOR EXPANSION OF BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS AND SIGNED TWO BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH AUSTRIA AND TWO ACCORDS WITH IAEA. END SUMMARY

2. IN FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO AUSTRIA BY A MEXICAN CHIEF OF STATE, ECHEVERRIA RENEWED HIS EFFORTS, LAUNCHED ALREADY LAST WEEK
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AT SALZBURG CLUB OF ROME CONFERENCE, TO GAIN AUSTRIAN SUPPORT

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FOR A UN CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF NATIONS AS "AN ALTERNATIVE TO ARBITRARY ARRANGEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS". AUSTRIAN PUBLIC REACTION TO CHARTER RANGED FROM NON-COMMITTAL TO NEGATIVE IN ITS PRESENT FORMULATION WHILE CHANCELLOR KREISKY, ACCORDING TO FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE, HAD REGISTERED IN DISCUSSIONS POLITE ENTHUSIASM FOR GENERAL IDEA BUT RESERVATIONS CONCERNING CURRENT TEXT OF CHARTER.

3. ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS, ECHEVERRIA TOUCHED ON INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE CHARACTERIZED UPCOMING FEBRUARY 21 OAS FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE AS AN OCCASION WHERE "ALL PROBLEMS WITH THE US WILL BE THOROUGHLY REVIEWED" AND MEXICO PLANS TO RAISE AGAIN PROPOSAL FOR RESTRUCTURING OAS INTO MORE "PLURALISTIC FORUM" THAT WOULD PERMIT BOTH CUBA AND CANADA TO JOIN THAT ORGANIZATION.

4. ON US-PANAMANIAN RELATIONS, ECHEVERRIA ENVISAGED SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO OVERALL AMELIORATION IN US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS.

5. FONMINS KIRCHSCHLAEGER AND RABASA SIGNED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER IN FOREST TECHNOLOGY IN MEXICO AND A CULTURAL AGREEMENT.

6. IN BRIEF VISIT TO LINZ, ECHEVERRIA INSPECTED AUSTRIA'S LARGEST STEEL PLANT (VOEST) WHICH HAS 500 MILLION SCHILLING CONTRACT TO BUILD STEEL PLANT WITH ULTIMATE 3 MILLION TON ANNUAL CAPACITY AT GUADALAJARA.

7. AS REPORTED IN IAEA VIENNA 1273, US/MEXICO/IAEA SUPPLY AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR LAGUNA VERDE NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT AS WELL AS RELATED MEXICAN/IAEA AGREEMENT.

8. FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE CHARACTERIZED ECHEVERRIA VISIT AS SUCCESSFUL ONE OF ROUTINE NATURE, ORGANIZED ON RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE AFTER ECHEVERRIA DECIDED TO ATTEND SALZBURG CONFERENCE. AUSTRIANS REPORTEDLY FOUND MEXICAN PRESIDENT TO BE BUBBLING PERSONALITY, HIGHLY IMAGE CONSCIOUS AND P-R ORIENTED, AND WONDERED HOW MUCH OF HIS INTENSITY ON SUBSTANCE TO ATTRIBUTE TO LATIN TEMPERAMENT AND STYLE. ECHEVERRIA MADE STRONG PITCH FOR MAJOR INCREASE IN BILATERAL TRADE AND FOR AUSTRIAN SUPPORT FOR SO-CALLED
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ECHEVERRIA CHARTER. ON TRADE, AUSTRIANS SUGGESTED EXPANSION LAY MORE WITH MEXICANS REDOUBLING THEIR EFFORTS TO SELL AUSTRIAN MARKET WHILE ON LATTER SUBJECT AUSTRIANS REPORTEDLY MADE APPROPRIATE POLITE NOISES, DEVOID, HOWEVER, OF ANY COMMITMENTS.HUMES

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